

**County Council Reorganization Meeting**  
**January 4, 2016**

**Present:** Bill Spaetti, Blake Bunner, Steve Winsett, Aaron Benton, Todd Ruxer, Auditor Autumn Winkler, Attorney John Wetherill

**Absent:** Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress

Meeting was called to order by Auditor Winkler at 8:17 A.M.

**President**

First order of business was nominations for President. Winsett made a motion to nominate Bill Spaetti as President. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved. The meeting was then turned over to President Spaetti.

**Vice-President**

Ruxer made a motion to nominate Steve Winsett as Vice-President. Benton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Council Attorney**

Winsett made a motion to appoint John Wetherill as Council Attorney. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**EMA BOARD**

Benton made a motion to retain Kroeger as the representative on the EMA Board. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**ABC Board**

Anthony Bender is the current appointee. Spaetti said he had spoken to Bender and he would like to be reappointed if the Council so chose. Bunner made a motion to reappoint Bender to the ABC Board. Benton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Indiana Region 15**

Benton made a motion to retain Kress as the Council representative for Indiana Region 15. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Insurance Committee**

Winsett made a motion to appoint Bunner to the Insurance Committee and to change the meeting to an afternoon meeting if possible. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**LEDC**

Spaetti is currently serving and is willing to retain his seat. Bunner made a motion to reappoint Spaetti to the LEDC. Winsett seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**LEDC Joint Appointment with Commissioners**

Ruxer made a motion to reappoint Larry Harlen. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**4-H Youth & Community**

Bunner made a motion to appoint Benton to the 4-H Youth & Community. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Solid Waste**

Winsett made a motion to appoint Ruxer to the Solid Waste Board. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Advisory Plan Commission**

Ruxer made a motion to appoint Winsett to the Advisory Plan Commission. Spaetti seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Luce Township Regional Sewer District (LTRSD)**

Benton made a motion to retain current appointee Kelly Kuchenbrod. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**PTABOA**

Sara Arnold made a request to appoint Valery Kessens to the PTBOA board. Benton made a motion to appoint Kessens. Ruxer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Community Corrections**

Ruxer made a motion to reappoint Winsett as the Council representative for Community Corrections and appoint Aaron Benton as the sub. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, motion was approved.

**Meeting Date and Time**

Benton made a motion to set the meeting dates for the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**New Business**

Spaetti stated that Drainage Board President Al Logsdon had requested to be put on the January 19, 2016 agenda to discuss what projects were completed in 2015 and the plans they have for 2016.

**Courthouse Security**

Judge Dartt came before the council to again discuss the plan for courthouse security. Sheriff McDurmon stated he does have employees willing to cover some of the hours, but they would all be paid at overtime rate. McDurmon needs to know exact hours from the Judge that he needs covered. Winsett asked if Dartt has clarification from the state that the funds can be used for security. Dartt stated as long as we use it for what the statute states, we will be fine. Dartt mentioned that he spoke with the Indiana State Police Alliance and they can have someone here tomorrow covering security. He feels it should be offered to the Sheriff's Dept first, because that's what statute states, but that ISP can fill in whatever the Sheriff can't cover. If it's determined that we need ISP, they will be contracted and bill us a flat rate for the hours worked. Bunner stated he feels we just need to get started, begin with 1 person and evaluate what hours are really needed. Dartt stated he does not want only courtroom security, but courthouse security. His intent is for 2 part-time people, 1 person in the rotunda and 1 in the courtroom at all times during business hours. It would require more than 2 people to cover those shifts or they are not considered part-time. Benton calculated having 2 people in the building during business hours every day for a year and it figures to roughly \$101,000.00 at the \$28.00/hr rate. Winsett asked if it's necessary to have someone here all day every day. Dartt stated they can try to follow the court calendar, but it will be difficult to know exactly when someone is not needed. McDurmon stated again that he needs to know exactly what hours to schedule. Bunner stated we are very close and maybe the Judge needs a very specific plan, so the Sheriff knows what to expect. It will be easier for the council to approve if we know exactly what we're doing. Dartt stated this will start in January, then we can re-evaluate in 6 months.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 A.M.

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Attest: Auditor, Autumn Winkler

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